

**ECS Professional Development**

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# 21CLEXPO

## **21st Century Learning Expo**

- Beaver Creek -

Thursday, August 27th, 2009



**Event will be held at the Gerald R. Ford Hall**

**12:45-2:15**

**Choose three of the five 20-minute sessions:**

**12:45-1:05**

**1:15-1:35**

**1:45-2:05**

### **Critical Thinking ~ Blogs**

**Troy Dudley**, RCHS Master Teacher, will describe how blogs can be used to promote critical thinking in students. The basics of blog development and potential instructional uses will be covered, and participants will receive information on how to immediately start utilizing blogs in the classroom.

### **Information Literacy ~ Destiny**

**Barb Romersheuser**, ECS Media Services Coordinator, will guide participants through the vast resources available on Destiny – the district's library management system. Attendees will learn about a variety of new and improved media services available to them through the district, and they will explore the instructional opportunities for students. This presentation will showcase our media centers' potential for helping students become savvy, cautious and informed consumers of information.

### **Collaboration ~ Wikis, Web 2.0**

**David Russell**, EVHS Technology Specialist and Assistant Principal, will discuss the benefits of student and staff collaboration in a 21st century learning environment. He will demonstrate how to use wikis and other Web 2.0 tools such as social bookmarking to foster collaboration among students and staff. Teachers will walk away with strategies for harnessing the power of student and colleague collaboration through these powerful web applications.

### **Self-Direction ~ Discovery Media and Podcasting**

**Jason Douglas**, ECS Educational Technology Manager, will present on the importance of self-direction in 21st century education. The use of videos, website design, and emerging technologies like Twitter will be covered and participants will receive information on how to utilize these tools to promote self-direction in their students.

### **Invention ~ Google Apps Plus**

**Dr. Eric Olsen**, ECS Instructional Coach, will introduce participants to the incredible array of web-based tools available for free from Google. From word-processing, to shared spreadsheets, from free web-pages to mind-mapping applications, teachers will learn how to get started using these free tools and how they can be utilized to foster creativity and invention in their classrooms.